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Senator Paul R. Doyle, Co-Chair General Law Committee
Representative David A. Baram, Co-Chair General Law Committee

**SUBJECT: S.B. No. 923 AN ACT CONCERNING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND
REQUIRING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

Senator Paul R. Doyle, Representative David A. Baram and members of the General Law Committee;

My name is David Palmberg, I am a resident of Stafford, CT, a licensed Land Surveyor, and owner of a Land Surveying firm in Enfield. Currently I am serving as President of The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALS). Founded in 1967, CALS is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing the development and professionalism of surveyors throughout Connecticut. We accomplish this through educational programs, interaction with other professions, as well as other state surveying organizations. CALS represents over 500 members of which 317 are Licensed Land Surveyors and 86 are Firm Members.

On behalf of CALS, I am speaking in opposition to the continuing professional education provisions of S.B. 923 as presented. Although CALS does support updates pertaining to Land Surveyors in regards to licensing statutes as requested by members of the Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, we do not support the professional education provisions as presented. While CALS does recognize the potential benefits both to the general public and professional surveying that are realized through continuing education, we do not believe there is sufficient detail in this legislation to determine if those benefits would be realized through its implementation.

At present, CALS has an established policy for voluntary Continuing Education. We have a Continuing Education Committee which formulates and conducts seminars and webinars which offer specialized training to our profession. We are affiliated with the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS) that has an educational board to review and authorize our seminars so that we can grant CEU's. Because we are a member of the Northeast Surveying Societies (NESS), our CEU's are then also recognized by other states. Our members are also eligible to attend other states to obtain CEU credits. CALS is responsible for the entire process, including obtaining presenters, qualifying topics, booking venues, collecting fees and distributing credit certificates.

At this time we feel as though our current program is adequate and equivalent with programs offered in other states.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like more information concerning this important issue for Professional Land Surveyors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
David J. Palmberg